AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete in its entirety the paragraph at page 2, lines 20-23.

Amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 11-24, as follows:

It has surprisingly been found that when drospirenone is provided in micronized form (so that particles of the active substance have a surface area of more than 10,000 cm^2/g, and the following particle size distribution as determined under the microscope: not more than 2% of the particles in a given batch ~~with~~ have a diameter of more than 30 μm, and preferably ≤ 20% of the particles ~~with~~ have a diameter of ≥ 10 μm and ≤ 30 μm) in a pharmaceutical composition, rapid dissolution of the active compound from the composition occurs in vitro ("rapid dissolution" is defined as the dissolution of at least 70% over about 30 minutes, in particular at least 80% over about 20 minutes, of drospirenone from a tablet preparation containing 3 mg of drospirenone in 900 ml of water at 37°C determined by the USP XXIII Paddle Method using a USP dissolution test apparatus 2 at 50 rpm). Instead of providing the drospirenone in micronized form, it is possible to dissolve it in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol or ethyl acetate, and spray it onto the surface of inert carrier particles followed by incorporation of the particles containing drospirenone on their surface in the composition.